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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION; BOUMEDIENNE, HUSSEIN VISIT

1. ALL NEWSPAPERS FEATURED IN FRONT PAGE HEADLINES
THE VISIT OF ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE TO RIYADH.
HEADLINES READ: BROTHERLY MEETING BETWEEN FAISAL AND
BOUMEDIENNE. KING FAISAL AND PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE
CONFER ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN AREA, DISCUSS BOUMEDIENNE'S
VISITS TO EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ AND KUWAIT AND RESULTS OF OIL
SUSPENSIONS TO PRO-ISRAELI STATES. BOUMEDIENNE, FAISAL
HOLDING IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS ON OIL REDUCTION (PAPERS OUT TOO
EARLY TOO EARLY TO INCLUDE WORD OF KING HUSSEIN'S ARRIVAL WHICH,
HOWEVER, GENERALLY KNOWN.)

2. AL MADINA RAN ON FRONT PAGE: SHW: WE DO NOT
ACCEPT ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER OUR HOLY PLACES. ZAYYAT:
FRANCE SHOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT PETROLEUM.

3. OTHER IMPORTANT STORIES HEADLINED: TWENTY-FIVE
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PERCENT CUT IN TOTAL PRODUCTION ARAB OIL; ALGERIAN AND

SAUDI PETROLEUM MINISTERS WILL GO TO EUROPE TO EXPLAIN ARAB VIEWPOINT. IRAQI TROOPS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SYRIAN FRONT; SYRIAN SPOKESMAN SAYS ENEMY LOST MORE THAN 10,000 IN GOLAN AND ADDS LIBERATED TERRITORIES SOUTH OF GOLAN ARE DOUBLE THOSE CAPTURED BY ISRAEL. HUSSEIN: OCTOBER WAR HAS NOT ENDED, NOR WILL IT BE THE LAST. SITUATION ON SUEZ FRONT EXPLOSIVE; VIOLATIONS REPORTED.

4. NABQA CARRIES PAGE TWO PHOTO OF KISSINGER WITH CAPTION: KISSINGER VISITS AMMAN ON THURSDAY. AL MADINA CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT OR EDITORIAL OPINION PAGE TWO STORY FROM AFP QUOTING REPORT FROM SECRETARY BUTZ THAT LEVEL OF ARAB FOOD IMPORTS FROM U.S. REACHED 600 MILLION DOLLARS IN LAST YEAR WITH FIFTY PER CENT RISE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.

5. COMMENTARY: AL BILAD CALLS FOR ASSESSMENT BY ARAB DIPLOMATS OF THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY ALL COUNTRIES TOWARD RES. 242. COUNTRIES SEEKING TO BE THE FRIEND OF THE ARABS WOULD HAVE TO OPENLY EXPOUND THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FREEING OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FRANCE PASSES THIS TEST OF FRIENDSHIP. AL MADINA - THE WAR MAY RESUME IF ISRAEL CONTINUES HER ARROGANCE AND AGGRESSION. RESUMED, WAR WOULD BE AGAINST THE POWERS THAT RESCUED ISRAEL AND PROVIDED HER WITH THE MOST SOPHISTICATED AND DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS. THEY (THE SUPPLIERS) HAVE SAID THAT THESE WEAPONS HAVE NEVER BEEN USED UNTIL THEY WERE USED IN BATTLE TO RESCUE ISRAEL.

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